(c) With a view to avoiding production loss on account of power problems, Government has approved installation of Captive Power Plant for all the units; those at Durgapur & Namrup have been installed and the one at Barauni is at an advanced stage of commissioning. Foreign consultants appointed for end-to-end surveys of the operating units have recommended an investment of Rs. 486.3 crores for their revamping/rehabilitation. No decision has been taken by Government on the report of the consultants.

Crop insurance scheme in Gujarat

1768. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise achievements under the Crop Insurance Scheme;

(b) the amount of money yet to be paid to the States on account of the above Scheme; and

(c) whether any proposal has been received from Gujarat to pay the arrears in this regard to the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b). A statewise statement showing area covered, number of farmers covered and claims paid so far as also claims yet to be paid for 1987-88 under the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS) is placed on the Table of the House. (See Appendix CXLVIII, Annexure No. 82]

(c) Government have received requests from Government of Gujarat for early payment of Kharif 1987 claims to the farmers whose crops were covered under the CCIS.

Adverse effect on TV and Video cassettes on Film Industry

1769. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Doordarshan and Video Cassettes had adversely affected the Film Industry; and

(b) if so, what measures of relief and concessions Government are devising to come to the rescue of the Film Industry?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTNG (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Film industry—film production, distribution and exhibition sectors (except for licensing of exhibition promises)-is un-regulated. Government are not aware of any scientific study on the health of the industry and the impact of the growth of television and video technology on the industry.

Television and video are technological innovations and are there to stay. These have also provided new opportunities to the film industry.

(b) Does not arise.

1770. (*Transferred to the 1st December*, -322).

Signing of audit report of NCCF

1771. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the appointment letter No. L11017/4/87 L&M dated 11-6-87 of Central Registrar, Ministry of Agriculture and Co-operation the statutory auditors had to submit their report on the accounts of NCCF for the year 1986-87 by 30th September 1987 and no extension was ever notified;

(b) whether it is a fact that the said report was furnished in February, 1988 and was acted upon by Managing Director, NCCF;

(c) whether any permission or clearance was obtained by the Managing Director, NCCF for acting upon and placing before General Body, the said unauthorised report, from Central Registrar of Cooperatives on whose behalf audit was conducted or the administrative Ministry; and

(d) if so, when and if not, why and what action is taken for these lapses against Managing Director, NCCF?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) and

(b) Statutory Auditors are and were appointed for completing audit and rendering audit report for one accounting year, which in this case was 1986-87. Although while appointing them they were requested to finalise the audit and issue report by 30th September, 1987, their completing the job and submitting the report by 15-2-88 does not make the audit or the report unauthorised.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Interruption in the Transmission from TV Transmitter Sangli etc.

1772. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's atention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Rashtra Shakti' and 'Maharashtra Times' dated 15th and 24th October, 1988 respectively regarding interruption in the transmission from TV transmitters Sangli, Parbhani, Latur etc;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) whether Government propose to take any steps in this regard and if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) The news items in question regarding defective functioning of the low power (100w) TV transmitter at Sangli have come to the notice of Government. In these news items, there is no mention of the TV transmitters at Latur and Parbhani which are, in any case, functioning satisfactorily.

(b) and (c) The service of the TV transmitter at Sangli has been adversely affected bacause of interference from another transmitter operating on the same channel. It has been decided to replace on top priority basis the Sangli transmitter by another transmitter operating on a different channel.

सुन्दरगढ़ के राजगांवपुर में आदिवासी महिला कामगारों की दशा

1773. **श्री राम नरेश यादव :** क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सुन्दरगढ़ जिले के राजगांवपुर में निजी क्षेत्र में चलायी जा रही एक सीमेंट फैक्टरी में लगभग 500 आदिवासी महिलायें कार्य कर रही हैं ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि इन महिलाओं के लिए नियत कार्य-समय और उनके कार्य करने के स्थान का वातावरण उपयुक्त नहीं है तथा ये श्रमिक-कानूनों का स्पष्ट उल्लंघन है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार इस मामले की जांच अपनी ही किसी एजेंसी से कराने का विचार रखती है तथा इन आदिवासी श्रमिक महिलाओं की दशा मे सुधार लाने का प्रयास करने का विचार रखती है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध मे सरकार की क्या योजना है ?

श्रम मंत्री (श्री बिन्देश्वरी दुबे) : (क) से (घ) सूचना संबंधित राज्य सरकार से एकत्र की जा रही है और उपलब्ध होने पर सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Statutory status to Minorities Commission post of Commissioner for SC/ST

1774. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased state whether there is any proposal to give the Minorities Commission and the post of Scheduled Castes & Tribes Commissioner a statutory status in the Constitution?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): The Office of the Special Officer for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Commonly known as the Commissioner for the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes) already en-